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**ABSTRACT****TOWING PINTLE ASSEMBLY**

A towing pintle assembly 10 comprises a main body portion 18 attached by a flange 14 to the vehicle body. A hook 24 is pivotally coupled at its mid region to the main body by a pivot 22. To the upper end of the hook 24 is  
5 pivotally connected a locking lever 32. The locking lever may be swung between a locking position in which locking surfaces 34 thereon abut an abutment 36 to prevent opening of the hook and a free position in which the hook may open. The locking lever 32 may be moved to the free position either  
10 manually, or remotely by fluid-operated pistons 44. A frangible sheer pin 46 holds the locking lever in the locking position. (Refers to Figure 3.)

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